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### Political Indoctrination of Crews

3. For the past year, "crew delegates" [sic] on Polish ships have been politically indoctrinated. They are exponents of the PPR and the UB and are charged with carrying propaganda pamphlets. During the French strikes in November 1947, Communist propaganda was shipped to the Pas de Calais and the north of France from Antwerp because there was no direct sea communication between Poland and France.

## Soviet Control of Polish Ports

3. Soviet control of Polish ports is becoming tighter. Up until now, the main controlling agents of movement in Polish territorial waters have been Soviet speedboats based in Gdynia, Ustka, Kolobrzeg and Swinoujscie. At present this control has been expanded to include Bornholm. Air bases for control are now being prepared along this line, with the main air base at Ruegen. Mine fields have not been cleared but passages, marked by buoys, are swept. There are also passages known only to the Soviet fleet and used by it exclusively.
4. The small speedboat base at Spiegow at the mouth of the Vistula, which was abandoned in 1946, has been reactivated and is also being used by Soviet infantry who patrol the coast. For this purpose some houses were evacuated on the left side of the Vistula on the road from Gdansk to Stuthof, opposite the ferry which is now guarded by a Soviet sentry.

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5. Usedom is no longer in Polish hands. It is now a Soviet fleet base.
6. Oksywie is now in Polish hands and is used by the Polish navy, except for the torpedo launching sites, 2 km in length, built by the Germans for experimental purposes on the moles between Oksywie and Radlow (in the direction of Puck).
7. The Soviets have mainly mine layers, mine sweepers, speedboats and flying-boats. These units are not concentrated at one base. They are moving constantly and change their bases often.
8. Coal, cement and, lately, half-fabricated metal equipment, rails and steel plate are loaded in Gdansk and Gdynia for Soviet ports. Cargoes of this kind are increasing. Stettin (Szczecin) is now active, coal being the main export.
9. Soviet sailors do not associate with Poles.

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